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FOR CHARGE

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SUBJECT: ATTENDENCE AT AUG 11 DEDICATION OF LANIADO
HOSPITAL

1. ON JULY 23 SIDNEY GREENWALD WROTE THE PRESIDENT (TEXT
FOLLOWS PARA 3) ASKING THAT HE SEND A SPECIAL ENVOY TO
REPRESENT HIM AT THE AUGUST 11 DEDICATION CEREMONY OF THE
LANIADO KIRYAT SANZ HOSPITAL IN NATANYA. THE WHITE HOUSE
HAS TELEPHONED MR. GREENWALD'S ASSOCIATES THAT IT IS NOT
POSSIBLE TO SEND A SPECIAL EMISSARY ON THIS OCCASION BUT
THAT, IN AMBASSADOR TOON'S ABSENCE, YOU WILL BE ATTENDING
THE OPENING ON THE PRESIDENT'S BEHALF AND THAT YOU WILL
EXTEND THE PRESIDENT'S ORAL GREETINGS ON THIS OCCASION.
YOU MAY USE YOUR DISCRETION IN PRESENTING ORAL GREETINGS;
NO WRITTEN PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE IS INVOLVED.

2. SHOULD GREENWALD INDICATE THAT HE DID NOT HEAR FROM THE
WHITE HOUSE, PLEASE INFORM HIM THAT THE WHITE HOUSE TRIED
TO PHONE HIM PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR ISRAEL. SINCE HE
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HAD DEPARTED, THE MESSAGE WAS GIVEN TO GREENWALD'S ASSOC-

IATES.

3. TEXT OF GREENWALD LETTER:

"THE LANIADOHOSPITAL IN NATANYA ISRAEL OPENED ITS DOORS TO PATIENTS ON JUNE 15TH, 1976. THIS HOSPITAL WHICH WAS BUILT WITH FUNDS OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT THROUGH AID, SERVES A CITY OF 80,000 AND A REGION OF 200,000 PRESENTLY WITHOUTANYHOSPITAL BEDS.

"THE HOSPITAL IS STAFFED BY MANY AMERICAN PHYSICIANS AND HAS INCORPORATED INTO ITS OPERATION THE PHILOSOPHY AND PRINCIPLES OF MODERN MEDICINE AS IT IS PRACTICED HERE IN THE UNITED STATES.

"IN APPRECIATION THEREOF, A DEDICATION CEREMONY HAS BEEN PLANNED, IN ISRAEL FOR AUGUST 11, 1976 AT WHICH TIME THERE WILL BE PRESENT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT, THE MINISTER OF HEALTH, AND DIGNITARIES OF MANY COUNTRIES. A DISTINGUISHED DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE AMERICAN FRIENDS OF LANIADO HOSPITAL WILL ATTEND. IT IS FELT THAT THIS DELEGATION MAY ACCOMPANY A UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL REPRESENTING THE WHITE HOUSE, WHO WILL BRING PERSONAL GREETINGS TO THIS GATHERING FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA." ROBINSON

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